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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Dogs and Cats - Killing or Poisoning**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from killing or allowing a dog or cat to be
4 killed by use of poison or ground glass; prohibiting a person from willfully and
5 maliciously giving poison or ground glass to a cat with the intent that the cat
6 ingest it; altering certain penalties for certain crimes; establishing that certain
7 penalties apply to certain crimes; and generally relating to the killing or
8 poisoning of dogs and cats.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Criminal Law
11 Section 10-611 and 10-618
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Criminal Law**

17 10-611.

18 (a) A person may not kill or allow a dog or cat to be killed by use of:

- 19 (1) a decompression chamber;
- 20 (2) carbon monoxide gas; [or]
- 21 (3) curariform drugs; OR
- 22 (4) POISON OR GROUND GLASS.

23 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
24 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding [\$500] \$1,000.

1 10-618.

2 (a) A person may not willfully and maliciously give poison or ground glass to a
3 dog OR CAT, or expose poison or ground glass, with the intent that a dog OR CAT
4 ingest it.

5 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
6 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding [~~\$100~~] \$1,000 for each violation.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2003.